## Message

From: Tate, Rita [Tate.Rita@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 4/5/2017 7:16:57 PM

To: Morton, Gary [Morton.Gary@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: EPA-R3-2017-005375 FOIA Requests from Allan Blutstein -- America Rising

Hey Gary. I'm going to put together the no records certification for your signature and draft a letter. I'll let you know when you have them.

Rita Tate

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From: Morton, Gary

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 9:31 AM **To:** Tate, Rita < Tate.Rita@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: EPA-R3-2017-005375 FOIA Requests from Allan Blutstein -- America Rising

I am certain, however I am still waiting for an official reply from AFGE. How much time do we have?

From: Tate, Rita

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Morton, Gary < Morton. Gary@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: EPA-R3-2017-005375 FOIA Requests from Allan Blutstein -- America Rising

Hello Gary.

If you're certain that there hasn't been emails exchanged between you and Senator Casey's office since February, I'll prepare a no records certification (for your signature) and a no records response letter (not sure who should sign this letter). I'll let you know when it's done.

Rita Tate

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From: Morton, Gary

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:59 AM

To: Tate, Rita < Tate. Rita@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: EPA-R3-2017-005375 FOIA Requests from Allan Blutstein -- America Rising

Good Morning Rita,

I have no responsive documents.

From: Tate, Rita

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 3:04 PM **To:** Morton, Gary < <u>Morton.Gary@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: EPA-R3-2017-005375 FOIA Requests from Allan Blutstein -- America Rising

Importance: High

Hi Gary. You may have already heard about this FOIA request that's been submitted to the Regions. Take a look at it and call me when you get a second.

From: Dolph, Becky

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 11:19 AM

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Subject: Multiple requests from Allan Blutstein -- America Rising

A number of you have received (or may receive) a FOIA request from Allan L. Blutstein (America Rising) requesting all emails sent to or from a specific employee in your office that mention Scott Pruitt, Donald Trump, or other public officials. It appears that these requests are for emails of staff who may be union officials.

You should handle these requests as you normally would, keeping in mind advice from GLO/ILPG that union-to-union records are not subject to FOIA. If it is from union to Agency or Agency to union, then it is subject to FOIA.

Please let me know if questions.

Thanks, Becky

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